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ADVERTISING
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Invariably Brings
THE RESULTS

PRICE, ONE CENT.

FALLS RETARD RESCUE WORK WITH TWELVE DEAD RECOVERED; AN ORDER FOR 200 CASKETS.

Mine Has Been Penetrated a Distance of 7,000 Feet on
Main Slope and 800 on the Dip Heading.

FEDERAL EXPERTS ON THE SCENE

At Five O'Clock this Morning Three
Unidentified Bodies Were Recovered
and Brought to the Surface,
Making Twelve Bodies All Told
Out. Many May Be Found this Afternoon.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 21.—At noon today twelve bodies have been recovered from the Darr mine. Three were brought to the surface at 7 o'clock last night. They were John Markey, aged 34 years, assistant mine foreman and fire boss; Joseph Sharpnberger, aged 16, a boy on one of the motors, and Solomon Hough, aged 43, who was a machine operator. Markey leaves a wife and four children. He was formerly a resident of Dunbar. Hough leaves a family.

Nearly all of the twelve bodies so far recovered are in some manner mutilated.

In the annual report of the blunderous Inspectors for 1906, Inspector John B. Bell, who was then in charge of the Thirteenth District, says that the ventilation in the Darr mine was fair, except in some portions of the mine. Drainage satisfactory.

The women of Smithton have established a commissary just beyond the entrance to the slope and are providing the rescuing parties with coffee and sandwiches. The commissary is in charge of Mrs. Etta McDonald, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. D. O. Smith, Mrs. John Lynn, Mrs. Albert Lynn, Mrs. Thomas Rhodes and Mrs. Walter Morrow.

The first funeral of a victim was held yesterday afternoon at Smithton. Peter Linbaugh, who was among the first bodies taken from the slope, laid to rest in the little cemetery at Smithton. This afternoon the body of Mine Foreman W. S. Campbell will be taken to Sturgion, Washington County, where interment will be made tomorrow afternoon. The body of Peter Tansey, one of the fire bosses, has been turned over to Funeral Director J. L. Studer of Connellsville and interment will be made from his rooms likely on Sunday afternoon.

The engine house at the mine has been converted into a rest house for members of the rescuing parties. Last night when off duty they slept anywhere where they could get to lie down, some in the company store, some in the morgue and other places about the works. This morning the engine house was fitted up with cots and a few hours' sleep can be comfortably caught there when the men come off the pit.

Officials of the company are trying to get in communication with relatives or friends of Clark Adams, one of the men entombed in the mine. A short time ago Adams left Darr and stated that he was going home to the anthracite region, where he had fallen heir to quite a sum of money. It was necessary for him to return to settle on the estate of a relative who had died. Adams came back to Darr but a few days ago and was in the mine Thursday when it went up.

The crowd about the mine while not as large today as it was yesterday, is still great. Few of the relatives or friends of the entombed men are to be seen about the mine entrance. All the rescue work is now centered at the slope. At first some efforts were made to gain an entrance through the two manways. They are choked with small falls and the rescuing parties found better progress could be made through the slope. All hope of any of the men being alive has been abandoned. The explosion apparently reached back into the mine with greater force than it did toward the entrances of the slope and manways. As the rescuers worked their way back they encountered more falls than they did closer to the slope entrance.

A body was found by the returning relief party at 1 o'clock this afternoon. It was not identified and will not be taken out from the mine until this evening.

Advertising Coffee.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 21.—The immense demand for coffee has brought here many demonstrators of various brands of coffee, which are serving as advertisements to the large crowds. It is now possible to get a hot cup of coffee anywhere from the station to the pit mouth.

JOHN MARKEY'S FUNERAL

Darr Mine Victim Will be Buried at Dunbar Tomorrow.

The funeral of the late John Markey, a victim of the Darr mine disaster at Jacobs Creek, will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Methodist Protestant church at Dunbar. Rev. D. B. Minard will officiate. Interment in Auburn cemetery.

Mr. Markey was a former resident of Dunbar residing there about a year. He is survived by his father, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markey and son, Martin, of Jacobs Creek.

EMPLOYEES GET CHRISTMAS PAY.

Borough Council Holds Special Meeting to Pass Orders for Them.

\$500 TO CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

Makes \$1,000 Contributed for Maintenance of Institution During Year Interest on Certificates Paid—Isabella Street Ordinance.

The borough employees are today receiving their vouchers for December work. This was made possible by a meeting of Town Council last night at which orders were passed for all the employees, and today Borough Treasurer Rutter is handing them out. The word spread rapidly that Council had ordered the employees paid before Christmas, and bright and early they began coming in for their pay. Some of the night police force stayed up long enough to take their checks along home with them.

The meeting last night was attended by all the members of Council except Chief Stillwagon. In addition to paying the salary bills, the Council also passed an order for \$500, payable to the Carnegie Free Library Trustees, completing a donation of \$1,000 for the year to that institution. A voucher for \$500 was paid in October. Interest on certificates to the amount of \$262.88 was also paid, the Citizens' National Bank receiving \$168.66 and the Colonial National Bank \$94.32. Council was in session for some time and general matters relating to the town, and especially the street, were discussed.

The meeting bill was ordered paid; A. D. Salsbury, Burgess \$ 60.00 R. W. Salsbury, Clerk 60.00 F. T. Evans, Treasurer 19.07 E. A. B. Palmer, Auditor 12.00 B. Rotting, Chief of Police 61.08 Edward Anderson, police 65.00 Thomas McDonald, police 65.00 John A. Laffey, police 65.00 John S. Patterson, police 65.00 Michael McCaffery, police 65.00 J. W. Mitchell, fireman 60.00 Arch Stillwagon, fireman 10.00 John Stillwagon, fireman 10.00 M. K. Keen, fireman 42.67 Board of Health 230.00 B. C. Stauffer, building on streets 71.50 Alex. Pool, work on streets 25.07 Henry Baker, work on streets 17.50 W. H. Stauder, work on streets 17.50 J. W. Stauffer, work on streets 14.00 J. B. Hogg, surveyor 235.29 Combination L. Co., supplies 5.00 Wm. McCashin, plumbing 8.00 Hal Regan, fireman's relief 8.00 Total \$1,219.09

The improvement of Isabella street again came up. At a previous meeting of Council a motion was passed authorizing F. T. Evans to secure bids for the cost of the improvement under the proposition made by Mr. Evans and others along the street. After much discussion last night the Ordinance Committee was authorized to have an ordinance drawn covering the improvement and presented at the next meeting. Before a decision was reached in the matter Borough Collector E. C. Higbee was called in to straighten out the tangle.

AWAY 40 YEARS.

Peter Murphy Returns to Dunbar After Being Mourned as Dead Scores of Years.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 21.—James Murphy, an old resident of Dunbar, had a joyous surprise this week when his brother, Peter Murphy, whom he had mourned as dead for the past 40 years, appeared at the Murphy home on Furnace Hill.

Mr. Murphy lost trace of his brother 40 years ago, and all efforts made to find him were fruitless. Finally Mr. Murphy came to the conclusion that his brother was dead. His sudden appearance brought much joy to the Murphy home. Since leaving Dunbar Mr. Murphy has been residing in Cleveland, O. He will likely spend Christmas with his brother.

MORBIDLY CURIOUS SEE BUT LITTLE.

Crowd Kept Back From Darr Entrance by Ropes and Guards.

IS NO DISORDER AT THE MINE.

Rescue Work is Being Carried Out in a Systematic Manner and Those With Business About the Pit Are Given Checks.

Special to The Courier.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 21.—The morbidly curious sightseers who throng to Darr mine certainly gain little reward for the frenzied efforts required to reach the scene. Those in search of the spectacular meet with disappointments on every hand. In the first place there is nothing to see, and in the second, no place to see it from. The available space outside the guard ropes is limited to a certain number, and that decidedly small. The workings are enclosed with ropes for a goodly distance on each side of the pit mouth, the only point where any scenes are likely to be enacted can be viewed from but a few places.

Indeed, those inside the ropes can see but little. With them, as with those on the outside, it is a case of standing on the frozen ground until the sun mounts high and then tramping around in the mud and slush. The officials have very wisely decided to bring no bodies out of the pit in daylight, while the crowds are gathered about, in order to preclude the possibility of a disturbance, and during the day there is nothing to see but the rescuers working about the mine entrance, loading cars of batteau material and attending to other duties of a like nature.

Telephone service from this vicinity was much improved yesterday morning when the Bell company installed a phone in the sand house at the works. This phone is on a trunk line between Connellsville and West Newton. The only other available line is one on which are 16 party phones.

All day yesterday the crowd of spectators increased hourly. On the day of the explosion 1,800 people were carried across the "sky ferry" between Jacob Creek on the P. & L. E. and the Lehigh, while the crowds are gathered about the pit mouth. The indications are that the number of passengers handled by this only means of access across the Youghiogheny river will exceed that of the two days previous. As the basket only carries six people, traffic is handled slowly. Most of the spectators travel over the Lehigh Erie, the scene of the disaster being on that side of the river. Yesterday trains reached Jacob Creek with passengers riding on the tender, couch cars, blind baggage and every other available space. Indeed, it is a question if some of them didn't travel on the trucks. It is estimated that over 2,000 spectators visited the scene yesterday. As before said, they saw nothing to reward their trouble.

Order about the mine is perfect. The detail of State Constables under Sergeant Paul B. Stout, is performing excellent and efficient service, which has drawn the most favorable comment from officials of the company and others interested. Aiding them are several deputies from the Pittsburg Coal Company. Only those to whom badges have been issued are admitted within the ropes. Every man who has business within the enclosure has been given a badge and none others are entitled to them. The names of company officials, newspaper representatives and those on hand to aid and assist the rescuers are recorded, together with their badge numbers. Quite a few had their tags recited yesterday when it was found that their services would not be required.

As is usual on such occasions, there is an overplus of rescuers. Yesterday there were three or four volunteers for every one actually needed. It is probable that by tomorrow or Sunday there will only be too few on hand to do the work. This is the usual outcome of situations of this nature.

Rescue work is being carried on in a most systematic and effective manner. Every man is checked in and out of the mine and each party is in charge of competent mine men. The morgue is in charge of John Britt, whose coolness and good judgment makes him an ideal man in the position. Mr. Britt is connected with the company.

There were few harrowing scenes witnessed yesterday. Those gathered about the mine who had lost loved ones for the most part suppressed outward evidences of grief, yet when the

collars were brought over in the afternoon, even the most stoical broke down and wept without restraint. Those mutes evidences of the calamity seemed to have their effect more than anything else yesterday.

DEATH LIST 341.

One More Body Found in Monongah Mine Last Night.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 21.—(Special)—One more body was recovered last night in the wrecked Monongah mine, making a total of 344 now removed. State Mine Inspector Paul and his Mine Inspectors will not likely find their investigations for several days.

The regular forces continue the removal of the falls at night, but the days are given over to the Mine Inspectors' work. The date of the inquest is still undecided.

The bride is a teacher in the Vanderbilts' schools and for two years taught in the New Haven schools. She had been in Uniontown this week attending the Teachers' Institute and the announcement of the marriage came as a great surprise to their many friends.

The Darr Mines Relief Association was formed this morning at a meeting of the business men in the store of the Wallace Furniture Company.

The meeting was largely attended and the form of organization and handling of funds carefully discussed.

B. P. Wallace is elected chairman of the association, E. W. Horner, treasurer and W. C. Armstrong, secretary.

The following were named on the Relief Committee: E. K. Dick, E. T. Norton, Harry Dunn, John Duggan, J. S. Patterson, E. A. B. Palmquist, Peter Rutesek, S. M. Goodman, Rev. Tomaszek, A. W. Bishop, E. R. Floto, John Armstrong, J. L. Kurts, James C. Long, D. F. Lepley, E. F. Boyts, Grant Meyers, J. T. Driscoll, P. J. Harrigan, W. K. Highberger, W. H. Towsey, H. L. Douglas, W. H. Thomas, Joseph Matigan, Joe Laughrey, George R. Folds, J. W. Brown, P. J. Torney, R. C. Bearbower, Rev. Sebastian, Frank Bradford, Rev. D'Zubay, and Rev. Adam Pilez, C. L. Orlach.

Rev. Tomaszek, pastor of St. Peter's Slavish Lutheran church on Porter avenue, stated this morning that revised figures of the members of his congregation killed at Darr show that 20 men who belonged to his congregation lost their lives. Van Meter which is the name of the post office at Darr, is in Rev. Tomaszek's congregational district. None of the bodies of the members of his church had been found up to last night.

All of the 20 men killed belonged to the local Slavish Lutheran church.

The funeral services were held in Connellsville, provided the bodies can be properly identified when they are taken from the pit.

Rev. E. A. B. Palmquist was present as the representatives of the Ministerial Association and stated that the ministers would hold a meeting at four o'clock this afternoon to make out plans in connection with the work of the committee.

In addition to the Relief Committee, the following committee was appointed to take charge of the distribution of supplies and funds and to direct the application of the funds: E. W. Horner, Harry Dunn, Peter Rutesek, Rev. Tomaszek, and Rev. E. A. B. Palmquist.

The committee will go to Jacobs Creek tomorrow and make a canvass of the village and determine upon the needs of the stricken residents. Upon their return they will make known their observations and the ministers will give their congregation some idea of what is needed in the village. The banks have been authorized to receive funds for relief.

The Merchants' Association yesterday afternoon held a meeting and voted \$100 to the Relief Fund for the sufferers. Peter Rutesek has contributed \$50 to the fund, and Remer has donated 50 loaves of bread. The distribution of supplies and clothing will begin on Monday.

A meeting of the ministers is scheduled for 4:30 today.

DARR RELIEF ASSOCIATION FORMED HERE THIS MORNING.

Will Collect and Distribute Money and Supplies for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans.

TEACHER MARRIED.

Miss Mary E. Bosley and J. P. Harp, or Wedded Yesterday.

Miss Mary E. Bosley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bosley of New Haven and James P. Harper of Uniontown, were quietly married Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. E. K. Wissner, at the Lutheran parsonage in Uniontown.

The bride is a teacher in the Vanderbilts' schools and for two years taught in the New Haven schools.

She had been in Uniontown this week attending the Teachers' Institute and the announcement of the marriage came as a great surprise to their many friends.

TO VISIT SCENE TOMORROW.

Will Report on Needs and Requirements of Stricken Families—B. P. Wallace is Chairman and E. W. Horner Treasurer—Banks Authorized to Receive Contributions.

TWENTY VICTIMS

Of Darr Disaster Members of Slavish Lutheran Church and Will be Buried Here.

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OFFER REWARD.

District Attorney Says One Will Be Given to Hunt Down Black Hand.

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VICTIMS' BURIALS.

Relatives and Friends Will Get Bodies Just as Soon as Identification is Made.

After suffering great agony, Steve Skarowich, a coke drawer in the employ of W. J. Rainey at Fort Hill, died this morning at 1 o'clock at the Cottages State Hospital as the result of burns sustained while at work on December 3.

Decedent was 20 years old. The body was removed to Funeral Director J. L. Studer's rooms and prepared for burial. Arrangements for the funeral will be made as soon as the relatives of the dead man arrive here.

VALUABLE ESTATE.

George W. Franks Disposes of His Earthly Belongings to Family.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 21.—The will of George W. Franks of German township, who died December 15, was entered for probate this morning, and letters testamentary were granted to Malcolm M. and James M. Franks.

The estate is a valuable one, the personal property alone being valued at \$25,000. Decedent also owned a valuable tract of land in German township.</

MORBID CROWD CREATES SCENE.

Follow Body of Dead Miner
to His Home in Effort
to See It.

DRIVEN AWAY BY STATE COPS.

Impossible to Take Casket From the
Rough Box—Geological Survey Examiner Arrives to Inspect Mine—No
Fire in the Pit.

JACOB'S CREEK, Dec. 21.—The morbidly curious mob that has swarmed about the mines for the past two days endeavoring to get a glimpse of the dead as they are taken to the blacksmith shop, today came very near causing a riot, but succeeded in seeing one of the dead. This was when the body of Joseph Slomko, which was first erroneously identified as that of Nicholas Murphy, was taken from the morgue to his house, No. 47.

The crowd closed in as the open casket was being placed in the hearse and the men carrying it could scarcely get it within the vehicle. With one wild intent the crowd rushed to the home of the dead miner, where his wife and five little children stood on the porch waiting for his body. They crowded in upon the undertakers and into the house. Fully 100 were in the little dwelling. It was impossible to remove the body from the rough box and the widow and her little children were crushed in a helpless little group against the wall. The State Constabulary was called and after 10 minutes hard work succeeded in clearing the house, but not before some of the morbidly curious had seen the scarred face of the dead miner.

The identification of Slomko was followed by the identification of Frank McIntosh. These two bodies have been at the morgue since yesterday awaiting identification. They were both badly mutilated.

Coroner C. A. Wynn failed to arrive today, but sent his deputy, H. A. McMurray. McMurray was about the morgue for a short time, and he cannot now be found. There is considerable discussion over this, as it was expected that the Coroner would be present at the morgue and systematize the work according to his ideas.

Vice President and General Manager George W. Schleudertberg is much exercised by reports sent out by correspondents that the mine is on fire. It was said this morning that he intended to have a conference with certain correspondents and make it plain that there was no fire in the mine and no danger from one.

The report has caused great anxiety to the families of the men who are employed in the mine, and has kept the telephones constantly busy with inquiries about them. The inspectors have been seriously annoyed.

SPRINGFIELD FIRE.

Illinois City Is Threatened and Already Loss of \$5,000,000 Has Been Sustained.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 21.—A big fire is raging here in the business center of the city. Johnson, Thatcher & Company's big furniture house is in total loss, and John Bressler's large dry goods house is now in flames. The fire is spreading rapidly.

The fire started in the display window of the Johnson & Hatcher department store. It is spreading rapidly. So far the loss is \$500,000 in property. The fire threatens the entire heart of the business district. The State Register building and the Central Telegraph Company's building are now on fire.

The fire department feel confident they will be able to confine the fire to one city block.

Four persons are supposed to have lost their lives in the basement of one of the burning buildings.

WILL BE SOLDIER.

A Foreign Boy Has Guardian Appointed So He Can Fight for Uncle Sam.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 20.—A special session of the Orphans' Court, with Judge J. C. Work presiding, was held this morning for the sole and only purpose of appointing a guardian for Charles Orgovan, employed at Phillips' Organ, who has suddenly become possessed with an unquenchable desire for joining the United States army, and, as he is but 20 years old, it was necessary to secure the consent of his parents or guardian. Orgovan's father died at Leisenring in 1904, and his mother is still in Hungary.

The only relatives that he has in this country is a brother at Phillips and a sister in Uniontown. The petition was presented for a guardian and J. J. Hall was appointed. He will fill out the necessary papers for the government. As soon as these details are completed Orgovan will become a soldier and will probably be sent to the Columbus barracks.

Classified Ads
in The Courier bring results. Only
the cent a word. Try 'em.

ANNUAL TREAT.

Mrs. Rockwell Marlette Will Give It to Poor Children-Christmas.
Following her usual custom, Mrs. Rockwell Marlette will give out her annual Christmas treat to all poor children of the town Christmas morning at her home, No. 121, East Main street; between the hours of 9 and 12 o'clock.

All persons desiring to see the large amount of candles, etc., after they have been arranged, can view them at the Marlette home by Tuesday.

NOT GUILTY

Although Jury Convicted Coburn and He Was Sentenced to Three Years' Imprisonment.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 21.—An illustration of how justice some times miscarries is shown in the case of William Coburn, who was convicted of assaulting and robbing S. A. Davidson at the September term of court, was given this morning when a new pros was entered in his case. He was sentenced to serve a term of three years in the penitentiary, but a new trial was recently granted him.

At the trial there was testimony that Coburn was at Shady Grove the night the assault occurred. Previous to the trial for assault on Davidson, Coburn had been convicted of assault and battery upon John W. Craig and received a six months' sentence last fall for this. He is serving this term now. Assistant District Attorney Henderson after the new trial was granted made an investigation of the case against Coburn for assaulting Davidson and learned that beyond a doubt he was at Shady Grove the night Davidson was assaulted. Thereupon a new pros will be entered and when Coburn completes his six months' term he will be released and there will be no retrial of the case.

CHRISTMAS TREAT.

Annual Affair at the First Methodist Episcopal Church Tomorrow After Sunday School.

The annual Christmas treat of the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday school will be held tomorrow morning at the close of the Sunday school session beginning at 9:45 A. M. Those in charge of the treat decide to see all connected with the Sunday school and those who desire to become connected with the Sunday school, present at that time whether you have been regular in attendance or not.

The Sunday school will have charge of the evening services and will render what promises to be a delightful Christmas service, under the direction of Grant Myers, Sunday school chorister, and chairman of the general committee in charge. All friends of the Sunday school and the public are invited. No admission.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Arranged for Services at the First Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday Morning.

A special musical program has been arranged for the services tomorrow morning at the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. A. J. Ashe, pastor. The chorus is composed of 20 voices and is under the direction of Prof. A. B. Morton. The following is the program:

Organ voluntary, Miss Sadie McOffett; anthem, "He Shall Reign"; Hail; hymn, congregation; crook prayer, pastor; anthem, "How Great Upon the Mountains"; Miles; obituary; responsory; glo; offertory; trio, "Trust in the Lord"; Handel-Jaeger, Mrs. Steelman, Mrs. Morton, Mr. Ashe; Hymn, 111, congregation; sermon; anthem, "Song of the Magi"; Miles; prayer; hymn, 110, congregation; benediction.

SENT ROUGH BOXES.

Car Load Ordered From Scottsdale for Darr Victims.

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 21.—(Special.) The United States Casket Company has an order for a car load of caskets and rough boxes to be sent to Jacob's Creek, and are shipping them out as rapidly as possible. They also supplied a car load for the Monongah disaster.

Quite a good many Scottsdale people were at Jacob's Creek today and Friday. Among them were Burgess William Ferguson of Owens & Ferguson, the undertakers, and Joseph Luce of J. Murphy & Company. Leslie Thompson, a former Scottsdale boy, has bought an undertaking establishment at Smithton.

BUY CEMETERY LOT.

Pittsburgh Coal Company Makes Purchase at Smithton to Inter Dead.

JACOB'S CREEK, Dec. 21.—The Pittsburgh Coal Company has purchased a plot of ground near Smithton in which to inter the miners killed in the explosion.

One reason given for the slow progress of the work is the fear of another explosion from dump or marsh gas. Portions of bodies are seen here and there by the preceding parties as they explore the mine.

To Audit Accounts.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 21.—Attorney Joseph M. Oglevee has been appointed to audit the books of the Register and Recorder and the Prothonotary.

Local and Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wilkes returned home Wednesday from Perryopolis where they were called by the death of the latter's mother, Mrs. Harris. Mrs. Harris' writing papers and the paper quality, J. C. Moore, druggist, Wilkesburg.

Mr. Harris died very suddenly December 15, of paralysis and heart trouble. He was 65 years old and leaves a family of six children, all of whom are married.

For your Xmas gift buy a nice 100-piece dinner set at Rhodes Department Store, \$12.50, net, \$18.00.

A post card has been received at this office from Frank Campbell of Dornar, who with his wife is spending the winter at Tampa, Fla. Mr. Campbell writes that they have plenty of sunshine there and the nights are cool.

Mr. Campbell is a former County Detective and a resident of Councilville for many years.

The Misses Wiley of Scotland were here Saturday evening.

Miss J. B. Scott of Dunbar was shopping in town yesterday.

Prices reduced on everything Friday and Saturday at Brown & Son's.

Mr. H. H. Burkhardt of Limestone Hill was called to Mr. Pleasant this morning by the death of Mrs. J. L. McGiffen.

Miss Eva Clester, a teacher in the Uniontown schools, was in town this morning on her way to Union.

Miss C. C. Pollio and his daughter Florence, residents of Pittsburgh are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hart of Greenwood.

Misses Choquette at 500, 600 and 600 the south end of Main Street, druggist.

Miss W. B. Downs of the South Side was the guest of friends in Uniontown yesterday.

Miss Marie Cochran of Dawson was a Connellsville visitor yesterday.

Chickens, fowl and young at Brown's on the south end of Main Street.

Robert White was in Uniontown last evening attending a dance given for the W. & J. students.

If you like perfume, see the best, Get Flowers, J. C. Moore, druggist, Wilkesburg.

Mr. A. M. Morton has returned home from a several days' visit in Uniontown.

You know or should know that Dillards Department Store is a good place to buy your gifts. If you don't know let us convince you.

Mr. J. E. Hough of Uniontown was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Josephine, at Main Street yesterday.

Of course you'll need a new hat for Xmas. Try Rhodes Department store.

Misses James, Lynch and daughters, Anna and Katherine of Scotland were here Saturday evening.

For sure tell the conductors to drop you off at Rhodes Department Store. They'll make your heart sing.

Mr. Coyne, John Coyne and Miss Katherine were at Elkhart, Miss Murray, Biddle and Allred, and Miss Lewney of Meyersdale were here yesterday attending the funeral of the late Miss Mary Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson of Vandalia were in town this morning on their return home from Clinton, where she attended the "Teachers' Institute.

Brown & Son have a complete line of Christmas toys.

James Hunt, a student at Maryland Mechanics, died at Pittsburg is home from his vacation.

Go into Huddy's Cabin and see a fine line of framed water colors in perfect packages. J. C. Store, druggist, Water street.

Miss Margaret and Viola Morrison of New Haven will leave tomorrow for Christmas.

For holiday slippers go to Rhodes' Department Store.

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THE BLACK HAND.

The assassination on the public highway in broad daylight of the driver of a Unontown brewery wagon who had received but a few days before a letter demanding \$500 contributed to the Black Hand Society indicates pretty strongly that brigandage has made its appearance in Fayette county.

The Black Hand is an ancient and dishonorable one. It has flourished in all classes and in all climes, but it has never understood the advances of civilization and good government. The Black Hand is a recent importation from foreign shores. It is one way of making a living without work, but it is not a species of industry that is generated in this country where it is evident that the law protects the noblest citizen in his life, liberty and property.

It is the duty of the officers of the law to hunt down this band of murderous miscreants at any cost of vigilance, of danger, of time, of money. Their presence in this community will remain as a blot upon our reputation until they are discovered, dislodged and utterly routed as they have been in Lawrence county.

A BELLIGERENT BOMBASTIC BLUFFER.

The Unontown Herald indulges in another half-column of its choice, misnomer in an effort to divert public attention from its circulation claims. It falls upon us betting it \$100 that we are a hair about our own circulation, and says:

"THE HERALD IS MAKING NO CLAIM BEYOND THAT OF THE COURIER'S FAISERHOOD."

After all its blustering about its circulation, and after our repeated acceptance of its own proposition for an investigation of the respective circulation of the two papers, The Herald says it is making no claim."

When The Herald made its first circulation blurt, it told its readers to watch The Courier "duck." It is evident that The Herald knows all about "ducking."

In the meantime, The Courier continues to print the daily record of its editions, and The Herald continues to show up nothing but its familiarity with poker terms and vulgar epithets.

The circulation of "The Courier" has already been under investigation by a committee of five leading Connellsville advertisers, and the result is that while its contemporaries have been printing eight-page editions during the last ten days, The Courier has been printing not less than twelve pages and on one occasion sixteen pages. The advertisers who have looked into our circulation claims are evidently satisfied with them if The Herald is not.

We again and cordially invite a thorough investigation of the respective circulations of The Herald and The Courier. The question raised by The Herald is not a matter of interest but of fact.

The Courier knows it is 1,000,000. The Courier knows it is the most popular paper printed in Fayette county, and it welcomes any circulation comparisons. The Herald may have more circulation than we have given it credit for; if so, we will take great pleasure in its demonstration of the fact and will give the matter the benefit of all the publicity which our columns will afford it.

POLICE RAIDS ON THE COKE OVENS.

The constant raids of the vigilant police upon the Davidson coke ovens may be necessary for the preservation of law and order and the protection of the community, but it seems to us that the police might be better employed in patrolling the town and protecting its citizens from the constant raids of the belligerent contingent.

The coke ovens are in no danger of being carried away by the wrecks of humanity which crawl within their dusty walls for warmth and shelter from the biting weather outside.

It is true that some undesirable citizens are thus captured and possibly prevented from merrymaking for and during the period of their incarceration in the town jail; but they are not kept there long, and the borough has to feed them while there. They are soon turned loose again to work their will upon the community.

The surer way to get rid of them is to catch them red-handed and send them on a long journey whence they will soon return to trouble honest folks.

LIMITING CAMPAIGN EXPENSES.

The Washington Observer thinks no candidate should spend more than \$1,000 in his campaign and wants a law passed limiting his expenses to this sum.

The law will find sympathy and perhaps support in Fayette county, where the campaign expenses of candidates have been increasing at an appalling rate until they are now utterly beyond the bounds of reason.

It is no impossible for a poor man, or even one in moderate circum-

stances, to become a candidate for any important office. That honor is reserved for the rich who can afford to spend their money with a lavish hand.

We are approaching, if we have not already arrived there, at the condition which existed in Greene county until recently and whose climax was reached in the failure of its oldest and best banking institution. Every body voted at the Greene county primaries during the last judicial campaign there, and everybody had a price for the service.

The epidemic of public corruption has spread to us. During the recent primary and election campaign, many well-to-do citizens openly demanded to be paid for their votes, and some of them either refused to vote at all or voted against their ticket for this reason alone.

Wholesale corruption like this is demoralizing. It should be stopped at any cost, and perhaps the plan proposed would be a good one. It is at least worth a trial.

We have it on the authority of a Unontown newspaper that every Unontown man who has the right to vote but it seems that it was not the thought of parting from each other, and not of parting with the town, that caused all the sorrow. Unontown may be a fine town, but it is not the only town in Fayette county. Even the people who reside in the full there have a longing to get out. Only yesterday one of their number signed a paper for about half a million dollars to the institution by signing, "Home, Sweet Home."

The Unontown Herald is the Quittor.

The Westmoreland County Commissioners are accused of "juggling" valuations, and the School Directors Association has undertaken to prove it. The Herald has the revision of the commissioners' valuation. An appeal lies to the court, it is true, but under the law which requires assessments to be made at full cash value such an appeal is necessarily fruitless. The commissioners' assessment is continuing to be inequitable unless the law is changed to conform to the universal custom which makes assessments on the basis of anywhere between 20 and 75 per cent of actual value.

Some editors are large only in their own conceit.

Useful help is welcome at the Darr mine, but unless spectators moved by morbid curiosity are a hindrance, and had better stay away.

The steel rail specification have been agreed upon and work is to begin soon. With them will come further activity in the steel and iron and coke trades. The future is not dark with despair, on the contrary, it is bright with hope.

Mae Foreman Campbell read his fate only too clearly.

Candidates against Congressman Acheson are multiplying. The more of them there are the better he will like it.

"Whacking the Connellsville Courier with the Big Stick is a matter of so much ease that it is almost to take the game," says the Unontown Herald. None of its contemporaries are hankering to take the credit. When a man gets stuck in the morsels of his own slimy diet, nobody envies him his position.

Turkeys are more plentiful this year perhaps because demand is not so overwhelming.

That Lazear township oil well is hesitating whether to be an oil or a gas strike. As long as it does not determine to be a gas, it is its own master but of fact.

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Coroner Bell has divided up his duties with seven deputies distributed in different parts of the county, so that prompt action may always be had in the event of any emergency.

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The Darr disaster has decimated some of the churches.

Discremators of cocaine get Work House sentences in Fayette county. This branch of the business is not encouraged by the court.

The Darr disaster discovers a new and valuable use for the State Constitution.

"While there is life there is hope," and while there was hope of life the gallant rescuers at Darr did not cease their efforts to penetrate the wrecked mine.

The Unontown Herald man intimated that we are afraid to punch the face of the belligerent contingent.

The coke ovens are in no danger of being carried away by the wrecks of humanity which crawl within their dusty walls for warmth and shelter from the biting weather outside.

Fourteen years in the Pen is a dear price to pay for the reckless use of the ready revolver, but it is not more than was owing to the man who took a fellow man's life.

Board bill-jumpers usually get a little few board in the county jail, the punishment is usually a fine, but the fine is bound to be paid to work out his debt on the public streets or roads.

The Town Council is getting busy. It's an excellent habit.

The borough payroll force got their Christmas money. The special Council meeting was worthy of the special occasion.

The Dunbar man who returned to his relatives after an absence of forty years, with which time no word was received from him, perhaps had not any time for postal cards.

The School Board is reaching its financial limit. Economy must be its watchword in the future.

The Westmoreland teachers demand more wages. It looks as if the Connellsville teachers would have to be satisfied for the present.

Classified Ads
One Cent a Word.

Wanted.

WANTED.—DRIVERS FOR THICK COAL MINE. MADISON COKE CO., Madison, Pa.

WANTED.—MINING FOREMAN, HAVING SOME WORK OVER EXPERIENCE. 715 HOUSE BUILDING, Pittsburgh, Pa.

WANTED.—EVERYBODY TO TRY OUR CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS. ONLY ONE WORD EACH INSERTION. THE COURIER, Connellsville, Pa.

WANTED.—TO SELL GOOD RUN OF MINE COAL, DELIVERED ANY PLACE IN CONNELLSVILLE. CALL HARRY KNOWLTON, 2108, House on Swallowtown road.

DEALS 21-26-24.

WANTED.—MEN, WHY WEAR HAND-TO-HEAD WHEN YOU CAN GET ALL WOOL ROLLING SUITS AND OVERCOATS MADE HERE FOR \$18 UP. DAVE COHEN, Tailor.

WANTED.—TO RENT A FIVE OR SIX ROOM HOME. NO CHILDREN. NO DOGS. Main street desired. Call FRICK OFFICE, Davidson's Barber, State Street.

WANTED.—FOR THE U. S. MARINE CORPS, BETWEEN AGES 21 AND 35. FULL INFORMATION TO SEE THE WORLD. FOR FULL INFORMATION APPLY IN PERSON OR BY LETTER TO HOME HOTEL, Connellsville, Pa.

WANTED.—NURSES. THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAINING. IN-DOOR AND OUT-DOOR WORK. REFERENCE REQUESTED. APPLY OR WRITE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE FOR INFORMATION, GIVING FULL PARTICULARS AS TO QUALITY, ETC. 1945 FIFTH AVENUE, PITTSBURGH, PA.

WANTED.—TO RENT A FIVE OR SIX ROOM HOME. NO CHILDREN. NO DOGS. Main street desired. Call FRICK OFFICE, Davidson's Barber, State Street.

FOR RENT.—ONE NICE ROOM. 316 N. Pittsburg St.

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FOR RENT.—ONE SEVEN ROOM HOUSE. ALL MODERN CONVENiences. IN-DOOR AND OUT-DOOR WORK. REFERENCE REQUESTED. APPLY TO F. A. KAHLS BANK, 208 E. CEDAR AVENUE.

FOR RENT.—TWO FURNISHED ROOMS FOR LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING. INQUIRIES 202 E. CEDAR AVENUE.

FOR RENT.—CUSTOM COAL. W. B. KELLY, Tr-State phone.

FOR SALE.—TWO FAIR WORK HORSES, very cheap. See H. G. GUINN, East End Ave. Gardens, or address Connellsville, Route 33, Box 202.

FOR SALE.—SECOND HAND GAS ENGINES.

100 H. P. Mertes double cylinder Gas Engine.

100 H. P. Otto Gas Engine.

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100 H. P. Pierce Crouch Gas Engine.

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\$18,000 BOND ISSUE TOO BIG.

Would Exceed the Legal Limit of Indebtedness of School Board.

PROBABLY MAKE IT \$14,000

Fund Used for the Redemption of South Side Bonds is Short and Believed That Some of the Monies Used for That Purpose Were Transferred.

A special meeting of the School Board was held last night to talk over the financial situation. Directors Shape, Holt, O'Connor, Harrigan and Schenck were present. Discussion over the issuance of \$18,000 in bonds was taken up, and, after referring to the legal indebtedness that the Board would be allowed to contract, it was found that this amount of bonds would be in excess of that allowed under the law on a two per cent valuation. It was stated that the assessed valuation was \$3,665,385 and two per cent of this would net \$73,332.70. This, according to the advice of the Board's attorney, was the maximum indebtedness that the Board would be allowed to assume.

It developed that there are outstanding \$8,000 in old bonds for the High School building, \$50,000 for the South Side building and the additional proposed \$18,000 in bonds to be issued. This indebtedness would make a total of \$74,500, over \$3,000 in excess of the legal limit. There should be in the sinking fund \$4,761.71 to pay off school bonds payable on December 1. There are four of these bonds for \$1,000 each, but it developed last night that there was only \$2,279.67 credited to the South Side bond fund.

At the meeting last night the fund was discussed at some length, and an investigation will be made.

It is believed that in some manner the monies from this fund have been paid out by the Board, and it will be necessary to examine the record to learn if the Board made a loan from the sinking fund.

To take care of the bonds a percentage is levied upon the fund received by the Board sufficient to redeem a certain number of bonds annually and also to pay the interest.

The meeting finally resulted in a resolution to issue bonds to the extent of \$14,000, provided the Board was able to take up the four South Side bonds without infringing upon the bond issue. Another meeting will be held after the financial tangle is straightened out, and definite action will be taken upon the issuance of bonds.

TAX JUGGLING.

Westmoreland School Directors appropriate Fund for Investigating Actions of Commissioners.

GREENSBURG, Dec. 21.—(Special) After four hours discussion yesterday the School Directors' Association in session here stood 5 to 8 in favor of adopting a report, charging the County Commissioners with juggling taxation. The Association decided to bring a suit against the Commissioners.

The Directors' Committee of Investigation was composed of David H. Runkin, John J. Kennedy and O. J. Hess.

Although \$1,000 has been appropriated, it is not definitely announced when the suit will be brought. County Commissioners David W. Shape, W. D. Reamer and Benjamin C. Shaffer made the following reply by letter to the Directors' report:

"It was with some amusement that we noticed your proposition to prosecute the Commissioners. A motion of thanks would be more in order, for you will live to see other Boards lay down to political influence, which we have faithfully resisted."

The County Commissioners, it is said, voluntarily raised the county's tax rate from \$73,000,000 to \$137,000,000 in the last year.

CRAZED BY CALAMITY.

Suterville Man, Who Had Relatives in Darr Mine, Suicides by Jumping in River.

Special to The Courier.

STAR JUNCTION Dec. 21.—Crazed by grief over the loss of relatives who were entombed in the Darr mine, Conrad Schub, an American, of Suterville, committed suicide Thursday night. In his bare feet Schub walked down to the river bank and plunged into the icy stream. His body was found yesterday morning about 120 yards below the point where he jumped in.

Schub was about 45 years of age and leaves a wife and four children.

FIFTY-EIGHT TOMORROW.

Thomas Higginson, Noted Writer, is Still Active, But Ailing. (Special)—Thomas Wentworth Higginson, the noted writer and scholar, will enter upon his 88th year tomorrow. The anniversary was anticipated by the receipt of numerous letters and messages of congratulation at the Higginson home in this city.

Col. Higginson is beginning to feel the weight of his years, though his interest in questions of the day, particularly those relating to social and political reform, is as keen as ever.

A PIPE DREAM.

Story of Many Miners Working Under One Check Denied by an Official or Company.

Special to The Courier.

JACOB CREEK, Dec. 21.—Captain John L. Gans, formerly of Connellsville, and engineer in charge of the coke department of the Pittsburgh Coal Company along the Monongahela river, in a statement this morning denied the report printed in a Pittsburgh evening paper to the effect that many miners, sometimes five and six, made a practice of working under one check. According to this story, the checks would afford little or no means of estimating the number of men on the job.

"I do not think that this report is correct," said Captain Gans, "and I am sure that I have never heard of such a procedure. If miners made a practice of doing this for the purpose of evading assessments or other matters, the company would soon find them out. I think this is a mistaken conjecture."

DRAW BENEFITS.

All Miners Participate in the Relief Department of the Pittsburg Coal Company.

Special to The Courier.

STAR JUNCTION, Dec. 21.—It is not believed that the physical suffering of the bereaved families here will be great. Every entombed miner participated in the Relief Department of the Pittsburg Coal Company, which is conducted along the lines similar to that of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

Benefits are paid the families of deceased members, whether they meet with violent or natural death. The miners pay monthly assessments and the company contributes its share towards the fund.

ASK AN AUDIT.

Likins and Others File Petition and Date Set is January 8.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 21.—The petition of W. M. Likins and other Prohibitionists, asking that an audit be made of the expense accounts of the Republican Committee of Fayette county in the recent campaign was presented here yesterday.

Judge Umhel ordered it filed and set January 7 as the time for the audit, which will be made by the court or by a Judge who may fill the bench on such matters.

Likins and the other petitioners claim they are informed, believe and expect to prove that disbursements other than those listed were made, and those for purposes contrary to law.

Judge Umhel followed provisions in the Act of Assembly, which requires that upon the petition of five voters the audit be made.

WANT MORE MONEY.

Westmoreland Teachers Say Present Pay is Inadequate.

GREENSBURG, Dec. 21.—(Special) At the closing session yesterday of the Westmoreland County Teachers' Institute, resolutions were adopted, declaring the present salaries are inadequate to pay living expenses, recommending that no teacher be required to instruct classes of more than 36 members, and urging that teachers be paid their regular salaries for attendance at Institute.

At a meeting of the Directors' Association, delegates to the State Convention were elected.

Gezi Lux's Funeral.

The funeral of the late Gezi Lux will take place from the Slavish Lutheran church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. M. Tomaschka will officiate.

Married by Magistrate.

Hugh McGee and Luisa O. Nedrow, both of Dunbar township, were married yesterday by Justice Frank Miller.

CONFLUENCE.

Interesting Items From Somerset County's Hunting Town.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 21.—Prof. Landis, principal of our school, left Friday afternoon for his home in Berlin, where he will spend a week's vacation.

Mrs. C. Marquardt and daughter Laura took a sleigh ride to Marsfield Friday afternoon.

The condition of Mrs. Catherine Bird remains about the same.

Mrs. Little Tannhill left Friday night for Mt. Vernon, N. Y., where she will spend two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Edmunds.

John Hennan was a busboy caller in town Friday.

W. D. Gilchrist will open the skating rink and nickelodeon on Christmas Eve.

The school children were given a treat Friday, each one receiving a nice box of candy.

Mrs. Hazel Tunnehill is visiting her son, James Scott, and wife, who were down from Ursalia Friday.

Mrs. Hulda Mountain is very much improved.

Confluence presented a beautiful picture Friday morning with every tree and branch heavily laden with frost.

The wife fences looked like a veritable lace curtain and with the sun shining on them it presented a beautiful sight.

There was a great deal of frost in Pittsburgh a couple of days this week.

Try our classified advertisements.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Odd Chairs	\$4 to \$75
Morris Chairs	\$5 to \$50
Piano Benches	\$9 to \$25
Sideboards	\$12 to \$150
Tables	\$5 to \$125
Leather Chairs	\$3 to \$15
China Closets	\$12 to \$150
AARON'S	
Mission Rocker	6.50 to \$40
Leather Couches	\$28 to \$125
Pedestals	\$4 to \$15
Brass Beds	\$22 to \$125
Dressers	\$7.50 to \$300
Rockers	\$2 to \$50
Music Cabinet	\$6 to \$75

MAGIC LAND

S. HANTMAN, Manager.

Christmas Week Greatest Show!

IVY & IVY

Positively the Greatest Musical Comedians that ever appeared here.

Full of Fun. Every minute a laugh.

The Great Zento,

HANDCUFF KING and JAIL BRAKER, assisted by MYRTLE ZENTO in her great feats of rope tying. Detectives, Police and Constables are especially invited to place their handcuffs on Zento and he will show them how easy he will take them off.

Miss PEARL DAVENPORT

Special for this week, in a beautiful Hungarian romance from "HIS HONOR THE MAYOR."

Late Moving Pictures.

SPECIAL!

Besides the above features the management will present to the patrons the Great Passion Play, "The Life of Christ," as follows:

MONDAY and TUESDAY, December 23rd and 24th, will be shown; Birth, Childhood and Passion

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, December 25th and 26th; Miracles and Crucifixion

FRIDAY, December 27th; Death and Resurrection.

ALL THE ABOVE PROGRAM—ADMISSION 10 CENTS.

For the benefit of the public we will show every day from 9:00 A. M. till 2:00 P. M., and from 5:00 till 7:00 P. M. The regular Moving Pictures and the Great Passion Play for.....

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CLOSE OF INSTITUTE.

Interest and Attendance
Were Maintained to the
Very Last.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES.

In the Afternoon a Meeting of the
Teachers' Association of Fayette
County Was Held—Notes of the
Closing Session.

UNIONTON, Dec. 21.—The 56th
Teachers' Institute closed yesterday
afternoon with interest and attendance
maintained to the last. Just be-
fore Dr. Stetson began his talk in the
last period, the committees made their
reports, which were adopted.

J. E. Youlard read the report on
professional reading, Thomas Pollock
of the Memorial Committee and
the Committee on Resolutions
by E. G. Masters.

Dr. Stetson spoke very highly of
the order of visitors and teachers.
He thinks very well of the Superin-
tendent of Fayette county. The Insti-
tute then adjourned, and all left, feel-
ing that it was a grand success.

In the afternoon the Fayette Teach-
ers' Association took up the place of a
regular session after a music drill, by
Prof. J. March. The President of the
Association gave his address and it
was well received, as he spoke so
very enthusiastically. C. L. Gans
spoke on "The Need of a Teachers'
Association"; O. P. Moser on "The
Craft Spirit"; E. B. Shallenberger on
"Obstacles in Our School System";
Mrs. Lila Hill on "Among the
County Schools"; and C. J. Scott took
the place of Attorney A. E. Jones. The
meeting was well attended.

Institute Notes.

Walter Brooks, a former teacher, but
at present a medical student, was in
the audience.

C. Luckey, one of the Principals
of DuBois Township, reports his school
in a flourishing condition.

Attorney W. H. Martin was in the
Institute yesterday. He is an old
teacher and, besides, was very suc-
cessful one.

M. Judd of the Connellsville
schools left for his home in Morgan-
town.

The W. & J. Glee & Mandolin Club
was well received, and they kept up
the record of former years.

Prof. F. R. Yoder of Vanderbilt says
the schools are booming, although the
times are hard.

Mrs. Helen Carroll of the Connell-
sville schools has gone to her home in
Huntington, Pa., where she will spend
Christmas.

W. D. Brightwell, an old school man,
but now a student in the law depart-
ment at Morgantown, was attending
the Fayette Institute.

Mrs. Carrie Waggoner of Brown-
sville, Pa., has proved to be a very
competent pianist. Her accompani-
ments were very good.

The advertisements which were
handed to the teachers met with little
favor, as they are always discarded
at once. Those that are mailed are
left unopened.

Prof. W. S. Detenbaugh has been
trying to organize a "Principal's
Round Table." There will be a meet-
ing in Connellsville at an early date.

LAD'S GREAT SLIDE

In Store Box Lands Him Through a
Window of Ohiopyle House
in Kitchen Sink.

Special to The Courier.

OHIOPOLE, Dec. 21.—Robert Jeffers, a five year old boy of this place,
met with a peculiar accident while
on his way from his home to the store
on Friday afternoon. Nearing the top
of the hill above the Ohiopyle House,
he got into a box that he had on his
head. Starting down the hill at a
great speed, he left the road, jumping
over a high wall, back of the Ohiopyle
House and going through a window.
He landed in the kitchen in a sink that
is used for washing dishes.

Although stunned for a while, the
lad is employed within soon had him
in good shape. It was at first thought
that the lad was seriously hurt, but
he was soon found to be little the
worse for his peculiar ride. He had
only a few slight bruises and was soon
able to continue his journey home-
ward.

\$10,000 BLAZE.

Big Tipple of Reading Coal Company
in Somerset County Burns.
200 Men Idle.

Special to The Courier.

SOMERSET, Dec. 21.—At Kinnelton,
10 miles north of Somerset, the
tipple at the Kinnelton mine of the
Reading Coal Company was burned on
Tuesday morning, entailing a loss of
about \$10,000. The fire is believed to
have been caused by a defective fire
box on an engine used on the tipple.
The tipple was more than 200 feet in
length. The fire will necessitate the
temporary closing of the Kinnelton
mine and will throw about 200 men
out of employment.

It is stated that a train load of
machines and material will arrive at
Kinnelton today, and that work on
the new tipple will be commenced as
soon as possible.

Sunday Services
in the Churches.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Live News Notes Gathered From All
Parts of the Town.

MARYELIA FEELY arrived home Thurs-
day from Maryland College, Luth-
eran, Md., to spend her Christmas vaca-
tion with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Christian Feely, of West Green street.

The Lutheran, the youngest organiza-
tion in the church, is making every
possible necessary preparation. At 10
A. M. every member of the Sunday
School present will be given a box of
candy. At 11 A. M. the pastor will
preach the annual Christmas sermon
and the organists will play the
annual Christmas carols. The
choir will sing, and the organists will
play the organ.

The annual Christmas choral services will be
held in the evening. The organists will
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Christmas
Everybody!

What a Man wants for Christmas is
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Hand Made Chocolates and Bon
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Message of Peace
from Countries Which
He Visited.

PLEASSED WITH THE PHILIPPINES

Takes Cheerfully About His Trip
Around the World, But Has Nothing
to Say in a Positive Way,
Will Get Right Down to Work.

New York, Dec. 21.—William H. Taft, "Secretary of War," has returned from his trip around the world, bringing a renewed assurance of Japan's friendliness toward the United States, but declining to say anything with respect to the political situation in this country. He said that he had been too long out of intimate touch with political affairs at home to discuss them in any way. One of Mr. Taft's interviewers had the temerity to ask: "Well, Mr. Secretary, tell me who is your choice for president?" Amid general laughter, in which he heartily joined, the secretary replied: "I guess I will have to leave that to inference."

Mr. Taft left for Washington on an early train, saying that he intended to return to the war department, where he has now, to the official greeting, for some time past, some and that the preparation of his special report on the Philippines, which will be in book form, would also require much of his time in the near future.

No War with Japan.

"It is the height of foolishness to talk of possible war with Japan," declared the secretary. "Japan doesn't desire war with us and we certainly don't desire war with Japan. If there was any war spirit anywhere in Japan, I failed to find the slightest note of it. Everywhere there was talk of continued peace. I speak very confidently about this. Our trade relations with Japan are extensive and constantly growing. Japan's exports amounted annually to about \$160,000,000, of which we take about one-third. The exports consist largely of matting, lace goods, embroideries and other fancy work, in the production of which many people are interested. We turn up vast quantities of cotton and such commodities to Japan. This sort of trade is a great factor."

"What about the Pacific fleet?" The sailing must have been a magnificent sight. We have no ships and no personnel, and so long as the Pacific ocean belongs to us as much as to anybody else, I see no reason why we should not send our ships there on a practice cruise. The Japanese are too intelligent and high minded to attribute any false motive to the movement.

"My trip had as its only definite object a report on conditions in the Philippines. My visit to Japan was only incidental. Traveling by commercial steamer, we had to stop there to pay respects to the emperor. The trip through Russia was made partly to save time and partly because I had crossed the Pacific six times and was rather anxious to see the new territory.

Talked with Bomb Target.

"At Moscow I had the rather novel experience of dining one evening with an official who next day was made the target of a bomb. This was Governor General Guerschmann. The ride through Siberia was most unlightening and gave one a very different idea of that country from what it is generally conceived to be. Especially is this true as to agriculture, minerals and population. Western Siberia, probably, will undergo the same process of development as our own middle west, and I believe that in time it will be the center of population of the Russian empire."

I was much pleased with conditions in the Philippines. They are much better than I had hoped for. The initial proceedings of the first Philippine assembly and its tendency to conservatism, despite the supposed radical majority, was most gratifying. In China the American residents were anxious for reassurance as to America's intention toward maintaining its "open door" policy. At the banquet in Shanghai I endeavored to give assurance."

EDITOR SHORT ARRESTED

Violated Law Which Requires Printing of Papers' Owners.

Clearfield, Pa., Dec. 21.—John F. Short, editor of the Clearfield Republican, the oldest Democratic newspaper in this part of the state, was arrested on a warrant charging violation of the act of May 2, 1907, requiring newspapers to print the names of owners and editors in every issue.

The warrant was sworn out before Judge Justice of the peace by State Game Warden Humebaugh, who is president of Clearfield and a close follower of former State Treasurer Frank G. Harris, who also lives here. Dr. Short gave \$500 bail before a trial date for his appearance at the January quarter sessions.

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Since 1902 Short has been in complete control of the property and the only owner. He did not change the trade name and has been using it ever since, with his name alongside, as editor.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Summary of Business Conditions Reported by Correspondents.

New York, Dec. 21.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says today:

"Holiday period assumed normal proportions this week, rapidly recovering earlier losses in comparison with previous years and in simple lines there was a better movement in response to more reasonable weather. Although actual business did not increase in the leading industries, there was a more confident sentiment regarding the future, numerous inquiries encouraging manufacturers to anticipate a steady improvement in orders early in 1908. While several plants resumed, others were added to the idle list, and the change was small. The best news of the week was the official report of foreign commerce in November that far surpassed any previous monthly record of exports and supplied a favorable international trade balance of \$28,655,751. This should make it possible to retain much of the net imports of gold."

"Sentiment is more hopeful at leading centers of the iron and steel industry, increased activity being generally anticipated after the holidays. No further curtailment of output has occurred, reduction already made proving sufficient to prevent accumulation, and new changes were announced in quotations except that pig iron in Birmingham has sold at less than \$15."

"Plates sell more freely and new permits for buildings promise a good demand for structural shapes. Plants are resuming that were closed and less delay in securing payment is causing more readiness to accept specifications. At some points it is difficult to find any improvement as yet, conservatism deferring all action until after the end of the year, and advantage is taken of the opportunity for repair and inventories."

PREPARING FOR A STRIKE

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company Expects Their Men to Quit.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The first stop in anticipation of a strike of motormen and conductors on the street car lines of this city was taken by the Rapid Transit company when an order was placed for several hundred cars to be delivered immediately at car barns in various sections of the city.

The lounging rooms of the division headquarters will be transformed into sleeping apartments and a reserve squad of car men, it is said, will be kept at each depot until an strike talk among the employees subsides.

One official of the company said: "It is true we are preparing to meet any emergency that may arise. We feel almost certain that a majority of our employees are against a strike and are personally 'contented' with conditions as they exist, we cannot afford to take any chances."

A special meeting of conductors and motormen affiliated with the local union of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, will be held tonight. The result of the call of the committee on John B. Parsons, president of the Rapid Transit company, last Wednesday, when Mr. Parsons declined to confer with them as representatives of the union, will be discussed. While the labor leaders will not admit it, it is said that the question of calling a strike to enforce their demands for higher wages and an adjustment of hours will be submitted to a vote.

COLLUSION IS ALLEGED

Between Crews of Wrecked Trains to Throw Blame on Operator.

Washington, Dec. 21.—There was collusion between the crews of the two trains wrecked at Terra Costa, D. C., last December, with attendant loss of more than two scores of lives for the purpose of giving testimony to throw the blame for the calamity upon the telegraph operator at Silver Spring, was charged by Assistant District Attorneys Given and Proctor during the trial of Engineer Hildebrand and others before Justice Stafford in criminal court.

The assistant district attorneys went on the witness stand and declared that Engineer Vermillion, who was in charge of the wrecked Fredericksburg local, had admitted to them that the crews of both trains agreed to testify that there was a double green signal at Silver Spring in order to throw the blame on the operator. Dr. Hedges, who testified that each train received a white target.

MITCHELL NEAR DEATH

Miners Leader Suddenly Stricken, Is In Critical Condition.

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Clifford walked to the scaffold with a firm step, praying as he went.

SOLDIERS RECALLED.

President Roosevelt Decides They Are Not Needed at Goldfield, Nevada.

SO NOTIFIES GOVERNOR SPARKS

Chief Executive Informs That State Government Ought to Be Able to Maintain Some semblance of Government in the Disturbed Region.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt has ordered the withdrawal of the federal troops from Goldfield.

Telegrams on which the decision to withdraw the troops is based were given out at the white house. The first, under date of December 17, directed to Governor Sparks of Nevada and signed by the president, reads:

"I sent the troops at your request because, from the tenor of your telegram and from the representations made by the two senators from Nevada and the member of the lower house of congress from Nevada, it appeared that an insurrection was imminent against which the state authorities would be powerless. The troops have now been in Goldfield ten days and no insurrection has occurred and seemingly no circumstances exist to justify your now calling on me for action by the troops under the provision of the constitution. The troops were sent to Goldfield to be ready to meet a grave emergency which seemed likely at once to arise and not to provide a substitute for the exercises by the state of its police, functions. I do not feel at liberty to leave them indefinitely under such circumstances that they will in effect be performing on the part of the United States those ordinary duties of maintaining public order in the state of Nevada which rest upon the state government. As the legislature of Nevada has not been convened, I am bound to assume that the powers actually vested in the peace officers of the state are adequate and that if they choose to do so, they can maintain order themselves. Under other circumstances, unless there be forthcoming further cause shown to justify keeping the troops at Goldfield, I shall direct that they shall return to their former stations."

"Theodore Roosevelt."

Send Telegram to Sparks."

The following telegram was sent to Governor Sparks by the president:

"I have received no answer from you to my telegram of December 17, in which I said that unless there was forthcoming further cause shown to justify keeping the troops at Goldfield, I shall direct that they shall return to their former stations."

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He grabbed her while she was in the car and stuffed a rag in her mouth. She was found unconscious.

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Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 21.—Hugh M. North, senior member of the Lancaster county bar, having been in active practice for 55 years, died at his home in Columbia. He was eighty-one years of age. For forty years he was counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad company and was also counsel for the Reading railway company for several years.

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Miss McCrum refused to prosecute the case from the fact that she thought she might have been mistaken in the intention of Summers and because, she says, he was under the influence of liquor.

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Mineowners' Upset.

President Roosevelt's order removing the federal troops from Goldfield on December 30 caused consternation among mineowners and the residents of Goldfield. Conference were held by Captain Cox, the representative of Governor Sparks in Goldfield, Colonel Reynolds, commanding the federal troops, and between the mineowners and members of President Roosevelt's commission.

President McKinley and other officers of the miners' union said that the possibility of disorder or violence of any sort would be no greater after the removal of the troops than now and that they would use every endeavor to maintain peace.

Land a Coal Passer.

On Board U. S. S. Connecticut (by wireless) telegraph to Fire Island Naval Station, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The Indians left the fleet last evening in order to land C. H. Montgomery, a coal passer, at Culebra. She will join the fleet today. Montgomery is suffering from pneumonia. Culebra is a small island twenty miles east of Porto Rico, where naval vessels often anchor when cruising in that vicinity. There is a colony of about 1,000 persons on Culebra.

Mike is Dead.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The Reading railway has decided not to issue its customary clerical orders for 1908 until the supreme court has handed down its decision on the constitutionality of the 2-cent-rate law. The Pennsylvania also will likely adopt the same course. This means that if the decision is not handed down before the end of the year hundreds of millions of all denominations who have long enjoyed the privilege of obtaining their tickets for half rates will have to pay full fare for a short time at least.

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TRI-STATE NEWS.

Events of the Day in Brief from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt has signed a proclamation creating the Arkansas national forest in the west central part of Arkansas, covering more than 1,000,000 acres. It will be the furthest east of any of the government's forests.

Findlay, O., Dec. 21.—Ja, announcing its decisions the circuit court stated that its finding in the case of the State vs. the Manhattan Oil company would be given either at Marion or Upper Sandusky at the regular term of court.

Dayton, O., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Leah Gilman, mother of Dora Gilman, victim of a sensational murder a year ago, is dead at her home here. Mrs. Gilman was twice charged with the murder of her daughter but was exonerated by the grand jury.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 21.—Tony Ricardi and Tony Cassella, two boys, were run down and killed by a Lehigh Valley express train on a crossing near Plainsville. The boys were in a buckboard and were traveling at a high rate of speed.

Springfield, O., Dec. 21.—While D. J. Blackman, a rural mail carrier, was stamping his feet, trying to put on his overcoat, he jarred the coffee pot from the top of the stove. The pot fell into the lap of his four and a half year old child, fearfully scalding the little one.

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Butler, Pa., Dec. 21.—Fearing he would do violence to himself if compelled to spend the night in jail, officers in charge of John Little, of Johnstown, charged with embezzling money belonging to his employer, permitted him to remain at a hotel under guard. Little settled some claims in checks that went to protest and creditors now demand cash or the jail for Little.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 21.—A man threatened to blow himself to death with the greater portion of Girard, with fifty pounds of dynamite, is now here with 200 pounds of the explosive and 50 pounds of dynamite. Every policeman on duty is under orders to seek out the maniac to the city and the lives of its inhabitants. The charge is sufficient to wreck the city.

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Last Days of Holiday Selling to be a Fitting Climax of a Remarkable Season

The Sales Now in Progress.

Men's Suits and Overcoats
Women's Suits and Coats
Children's Coats
Women's Waists
Millinery
All these lines are being sold at greatly reduced prices.

Open Evenings Until Christmas.

We would suggest that you take all small parcels with you when it is convenient as the delivery service is taxed to its utmost.



Last days of Christmas shopping are always attended by many unpleasant occurrences, lack of attention, disappointment in not securing just what you want to buy and then the hustling, jostling crowds of eager buyers are none too gentle, either. We have especially instructed our sales force to give every attention possible to shoppers and as we told you months ago, we've never been so fully prepared to fill every Christmas need as we are this season. Our stores are crowded to their capacity now, but store machinery is running mighty smooth and we can promise you reasonable attention and prompt delivery. Tables are refilled as fast as they're emptied and our big stores will present ample assortments to the very last minute. Do your shopping today for the last hours of Christmas shopping are most unsatisfactory.

ODDS AND ENDS OF XMAS TOYS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES,

The Few Remaining Pieces of Our Best Sellers Now Priced for Quick Clearance.



Our Men's Store is Attracting Hundreds of Holiday Shoppers

The thoroughness of our preparation is evidenced by the way we are filling the last minute needs of the hundreds of shoppers that throng the aisles devoted to the display of things for men. This department offers all of the staple articles that men need in ample selection as well as many unique and handsome articles entirely out of the ordinary and dear to the heart of men who appreciate luxury and beauty. A few suggestive items:

Pipe Racks	50c to \$8.50	Shirts	50c to \$2.00
Tobacco Jars	.50c to \$3.50	Mufflers	.50c to \$6.00
Shaving Mirrors	.50c to \$6.50	Suspenders (in boxes)	.50c to \$2.50
Triple Mirrors	\$.35 to \$10.00	Clothing and overcoats at cut prices.	
Military Brushes	\$.40 to \$6.50	Sweaters	.50c to \$5.00
Collar Traveling Cases	.50c to \$2.00	Nancy Vests	\$.50 to \$6.00
Leather Cigar Cases	\$.15 to \$6.00	Bath Robes	
Collar and Cuff Boxes	.25c to \$1.75	Lounging Robes	
Handkerchiefs in gift boxes		Slippers	
Umbrellas	\$.10 to \$10.00	Underwear	
Gloves	.25c to \$6.00	Neckwear	.25c to \$2.00

If you live in Fayette county and have children you've heard of our big basement toyland with its crowds of merry youngsters and eager shoppers day after day has this toy mecca been taxed to its capacity, this means that many lines have been sold out, others nearly so. It's the remaining toys of the big selling groups that are now cut in price. They're in our way and full lines must take their place. New, perfect, most popular toys at after-Christmas prices. Here's a few little prices, there will be many more by the time you arrive.

75c Doll House	60c	Mechanical R. R. Trains	
\$1.00 Doll House	60c	\$1.25 kind at 98c	
\$1.00 Shooting Galleries	75c	\$2.00 kind at \$1.60	
50c Stuffed Animals	35c	25c Autos. 20c	
\$1.00 Soldier Suits	50c	35c Balloons 25c	
DRESSED DOLLS.		TOOL CHESTS	
35c Dressed Dolls	25c	25c kind at 20c	
\$2.50 Dressed Dolls	\$1.00	\$1.00 kind at 75c	
\$1.00 Dress Dolls	\$1.00	\$3.00 kind at \$2.25	
\$2.00 Dressed Dolls	\$1.50	\$5.00 kind at \$4.00	
10c box Tin Dishes	.75c	TOY FURNITURE SETS.	
MISSION DESKS		Walnut and Mahogany finish	
\$5.00 kind at \$4.00		25c sets at 20c	
\$4.50 kind at \$3.50		50c sets at 35c	
\$9.00 kind at \$6.00		75c sets at 50c	
DOLL GO-CARTS		Swing Hobby Horns	
25c kind at 15c		\$0.00 kind at \$4.00	
\$1.00 kind at \$1.25		\$1.50 kind at \$3.50	



A Sale of Christmas Novelties.

Two tables of Christmas novelties at reduced prices will be mighty interesting news to many hurried shoppers. Christmas novelties of the better kind at that; only one or two of a kind left, that's the reason for the lowered prices. Here's the interesting part—the prices.

Comb and Brush Sets	\$6.00 Manicure Sets \$4.50
\$3.50 sets at \$2.00	\$3.50 Sewing Boxes \$2.50
\$6.00 sets at \$3.75	\$1.75 Sewing Boxes \$1.30
\$2.50 sets at \$1.50	\$1.00 Sewing Boxes 75c
\$7.00 Brush sets at \$5.25	\$5.00 Traveling Sets \$3.75
\$6.50 Brush Sets at \$4.50	\$4.00 Shaving Sets \$3.00
..TRIPPLICATE MIRRORS	\$4.00 Pipe Racks \$3.00
\$3.50 kind at \$2.00	\$4.00 Mirrors \$3.00
\$4.50 kind at \$2.25	\$4.00 Clothed Brushes \$3.00
\$6.00 kind at \$4.50	\$2.75 Clothes Brushes \$2.00
\$5.00 kind at \$3.75	\$8.50 Pipe Racks \$1.37
\$10.00 kind at \$7.50	\$2.50 Pipe Racks \$1.68
\$4.00 Manicure Sets at \$3.00	\$1.00 Leather Jewel Boxes at 75c



Give Her a Gift for Herself Alone.

You have been thinking what to give her for a Christmas present, well, it's easy to decide if you come here; aisle after aisle of gift things displayed here and every one of a character that appeals strongly to the artistic sense of every woman. Give a woman something that she has dreamed of, but never expected to possess. The practical gift is, of course, alright in its way, but the trinket, a carved box, a beautiful mirror and hundreds of like gifts are the ones that cause the feminine heart to bound with pleasure and cause a lasting impression.

Sofa Cushions	\$1.25 to \$1.50	Silk Hoseery	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Japanese Boxes	.25c to \$2.50	Coat Sets	.50c to \$5.00
Puff Boxes, Rose Jars and Scissors		Embroidered Vests	\$1 to \$2
at	25c and 50c	Vanity Bags	.50c to \$18.00
Glove Boxes	.25c to \$1.50	Hund. Bags	.50c to \$25.00
Hankie Box	.25c to \$1.50	Leather Sets	.50c to \$2.00
Mirrors	.50c to \$3.50	Comb and Brush Sets	.25c to \$6.00
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Rich Furs in wide variety of kind and		Bracelets	.50c to \$7.50
price.		Belt Pins	.25c to \$2.00
Writing Follies	.25c to \$4.00	Hat Pins	.25c to \$2.00
Jewel Cases	.25c to \$3.50	Silver Mesh Bags	.50c to \$15
Umbrellas	.35c to \$15.00	Silver Card Cases	.50c to \$4.00
Umbrellas	.75c to \$12.00	Silk Scarfs	.50c to \$7.50
		Perfumes	.25c to \$2.00

Women's Suits, Coats and other ready to wear apparel at prices decidedly reduced.

Cut Glass at Department Store Prices

Means Sharp Savings to You.

We price our cut glass on the same basis of profit that rules the sale of other merchandise. That's why thrifty women always purchase their cut glass here. They save from 25 to 50 per cent and the collection is as broad as any in town. Heavy rich cut glass, perfect cuttings in newest designs. Here are some of the prices:

Bowls	\$.25 to \$12.00	Cut Glass Vases	\$2.00 to \$10
Cut glass Tumblers	\$.50 to \$3.50	Cut Glass Celery Trays	\$.50 to \$8.00
25c a dozen		Sugar and Creams	\$3.00 to \$12
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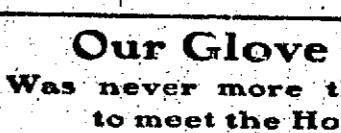


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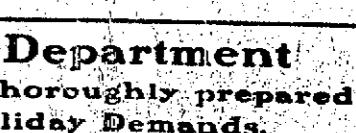
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As American as any class of American sailors who have particularly deep love for the American Christmas and its symbols, it is the officers and probably this enthusiasm for the sailors' holiday is due in a great measure to the fact that the sailors, no matter what their station, are an eminent source of sentiment in the fleet. As all comes out at the Navy Yard, the officers, who are the veterans of the old school, as well as the blue jackets, bring little bags and mail in the armor of their preparations for a rosy Christmas.

Actually, Christmas in the navy comes at noon on December 24, for at that time all work stops at that time, and the sum of preparation is drawn from the to-table to the quartermaster's galley, as the ship's kitchen is used as a center of activity, and a special concession is granted but on a year, cooks are allowed to keep their fires going all night long.

As a virtual necessity, for cakes and pies must be baked by the whole crew. These pastries, together with apples and oranges, constitute prominent features of the blue jackets' Christmas feast, and only a cook who has been through the mill can appreciate the enormity of the appetites of a crew of 300 or 400 husky sailor lads.

Christmas morning on a warship is very much like Sunday, that all of the usual routine of the ship is omitted. During the forenoon a religious service is held on each ship on which there is a chaplain. At noon occurs what is, in the eyes of the blue jackets, the most interesting event of the day. This is the Christmas dinner. There the men take their places the Captain, accompanied by his chief of staff, accepts an invitation from the crew to visit their mess. He views the decorations, partakes of enough of the "goodies" to make him in many instances for the moment the envy of his subordinates, and exchanges the season with the lads who stand behind him for "gilt or frolic."

The bumper to which the rank and file sit down is seldom inferior to the feast which is later served to their officers. Dozens of nimble wife and blue hands labor for days before the dinner a success, and on more than one such occasion the fatigued men have fared better than the masters of complications.

General Liberty is given the crew of many vessels on Christmas after noon. If the ship is in foreign waters, the half of the day is generally given over to a carnival of sports. Foot racing is common and boxing, fencing and wrestling contests are usually feature, together with auto races, three-legged races and other contests. There is quick work going on and returning to the deck.

The officers of a naval vessel have their dinner in the evening. If the ship is in a foreign station, the day has probably been a rather more lonely one for the officer than for the naturally lighthearted jacks, and

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Before Stanley Ketchell crossed his path Joe Thomas looked to be the genuine "stone" among the welters.

Phoenix clinched the Arizona championship recently with Cy Young III in the box.

The former Iowa League is now the Central Baseball Association. Marshalltown has been dropped from the circuit and Kewanee, Ill., given the vacant berth.

Tim Hurst, Jack Sheldad and Hank O'Day are touring Europe. In other words, the three major league umpires have taken a trip to Ireland.

Things should be pretty lively at the Polo grounds next summer with Manager McGraw and Captain Donlin of the New York Giants both in the game.

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